

I oppose media concentration!

I am writing to you today to comment on the proposed legislation that would further merge the American media.

I do not believe that studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate, or even attempt to demonstrate, the negative effects that media deregulation and consolidation have had on the diversity of our media. While there may indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented has been severely limited.

The right to conduct an informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was renewed in the marketplace of diverse ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge and consolidate further, our ability to have an open, informed discussion from a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

I urge the FCC to preserve the public interest by keeping the media ownership rules in question intact.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is important that the Commission take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

If America really wants to stand up for its values of freedom of the press/expression, and democracy, I would think that allowing merging of media companies would only infringe upon these values. Let us not forget that in affirming the U.S. status as leader of the "free world", that reducing diversity of opinion and only showing one point of view does not serve anyone.

Thank you.